

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention is directed to a learning system that enables a user to continually build a personalized store of knowledge. The learning system may utilize a portable PC, for example, a laptop, tablet PC, or handheld device, on which a user develops a personalized education profile that includes documents (e.g., books, articles, homework) and modifications (e.g., notes, links, sketches) to the documents. The modifications are separately stored in a storage medium of the portable PC so they may be separately categorized, searched, and retrieved. Personalized summaries of documents and modifications may be generated based on the categorization of such documents and modifications. The personalized summaries are particularly useful when a user desires to review the subject matter taught by the documents and modifications.